

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 72-85 have been added and are currently pending.

Applicants have amended the specification by inserting the proper cross referencing paragraphs to claim benefit to the priority date of May 22, 1992 for these claims.

No new matter has been added.

No additional fees are believed due. However, if any additional fees are necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Applicants believe these new claims 72-85 are patentable and in condition for allowance. These claims are supported in the specification, the Examples, and the original claims 1-71 as filed. These new claims are directed to a method for the production of carbon fibrils using, as well as the carbon fibrils formed from, the catalyst prepared according to original claims 14-20 which have been allowed in the immediate parent application U.S.S.N. 09/783,173. As such, these new claims 72-85 are also patentable.

Furthermore, Applicants are not aware of any prior art that has all of the elements of the claims or which in proper combination with other prior art would provide all of the elements of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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